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For: SINGLE-CRYSTAL FERRITE FINE POWDER

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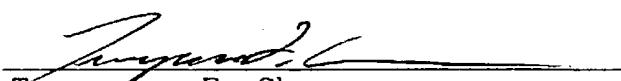
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In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003,
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